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In re Application of:

Application No.:	09/824,105	Examiner:	Jean D. Janvier
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For:	METHOD FOR RAISING FUNDS		

REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION
OF JANUARY 5, 2006

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is responsive to the Office action dated January 5, 2006 in the above application. Contrary to what is alleged in the outstanding Office action, a previous election was indeed made in the reply dated September 20, 2004 in response to the Office action dated August 20, 2004. This previous election complied with 37 C.F.R. 1.142 since it included a clear election of one of the groups of claims identified by the examiner as pertaining to the restriction requirement (see top of page 10 in the previous reply preceding both the discussion on the amendment to the claims and the traverse).

The applicant assumes that the amendment to the claims in the previous reply was not entered since it is alleged that the previous reply was non-responsive. There was no such indication of entry of the amendment in the outstanding Office action. Claim 18, therefore, will be ignored in the repeated election of the claims.

In order to expedite the examination of the pending application, the present election only treats the originally-filed claims.

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Consideration of the amendment to the claims and the accompanying traverse of the election requirement in the previous reply is still respectfully requested by the applicant. It is submitted that the amendment to the claims that was submitted in the previous reply makes the unity of invention of the claims clearer, and the comments provided in the traversal explain the reasoning therefor.

ELECTION

The applicant elects originally-filed claims of GROUP I (claims 1-4) to be maintained in the application for continued examination.

All rights to the non-elected subject matter are reserved.

If any issues remain that may be resolved by a telephone or facsimile communication with the applicants' attorney, the examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the numbers shown below.

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